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Tales From The Vending Machine

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NATION, RUN DMC, GRAND WIZARD THEODORE, CURTIS MAYFIELD, JERU, BAD BRAINS, FISHBONE, AND STEVIE
WONDER.

It WAS the MUSIC
that CHANGED everything.

YO, MAN!!
MINDTRIP'S
SPINNIN'
TONITE!!

YOU SERIOUS??!
WHERE??

A year ago, this city WAS
under complete MARSHALL
LAW. NO music, no books, no
MOVIES, no Free-thinking.

NOW, in the ghettos AND For-
gotten streets of this city
A NEW MOVEMENT has begun.
Like the BRONX in New York in
the later part of the 20th cen-
tury MUSIC has become our
salvation.

SPEARHEADING the MOVEMENT is ONE YOUNG HERO, A DJ NAMED **MINDTRIP**. He has FORMED this NEW UNDERGROUND culture that has RESTORED **HOPE** in the hearts AND MINDS of the youth.



Oh yeah, his REAL NAME'S **ZACH**, and he just so happens to be my boyFRIEND.



My NAME'S **NATALIE**.



Jesus, lookit him go. ONLY two minvtes into his set AND he's Already ROCKIN' the JOINT.



I've watched him PRACTICE this ROUTINE A hundred times over, but it's NOthin' like seein' him doin' it LIVE in FRONT OF 2000 SCREAMING KIDS.

I WATCH all the other girls gawk AT him, AND it doesn't even FAZE me ANY MORE.



All they KNOW is **MINDTRIP**, superstar DJ EXTRAORDINAIRE, the KID with the FASTEST HANDS IN THE GALAXY.

They don't KNOW **ZACH**, the insecure kid I met in the gutter 5yrs. AGO.

Watching him spin still
gets me excited, though.

No SERIOUSLY,
it actually
MAKES ME
HORNY...

That MAY SOUND
CORNy OR WHAT-
EVER, BUT SCREW
IT, THIS IS MY
JOURNAL.

No one else's gonna read
it, ANYWAY.

One thing's FOR SURE
though, ZACH AND I ARE
TRUE SOULMATES

We'll be together
FOREVER, AND
Nothin's gonna
change that...

SUDDENLY...

HEY, WHAT THE
HELL IS THAT??

HOLY SHIT!!!

JESUS
CHRIST...
LOOK!!!

Attack the
HUMANS,
SIR?

NO. WE'RE ONLY
HERE FOR
ONE REASON...

Ah... there HE is !!!

TARGET
Locked,
SIR.

Fire the RAY, but be
extremely careful!!
We don't want to
damage our most
PRIZED POSSESSION!!

ZAP!!

WHA...??!

THEY GOT MIND
TRIP!!!

What
THE SHIT
IS GOIN' ON??

**ZACH...
NO!!**

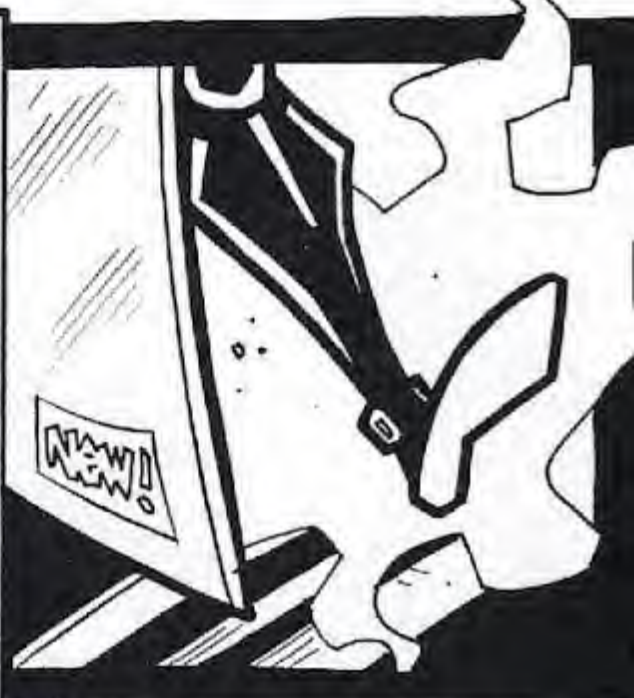
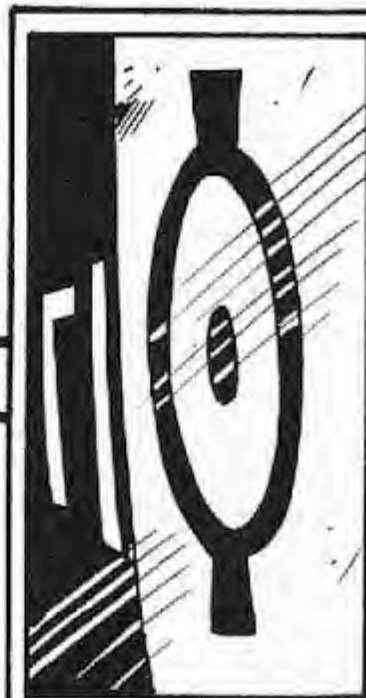
AND IN A MOMENT...

N-NO...

Fuc...

All hope is
LOST...





SCUD SERIES
23 AT YOUR
SERVICE, MAAM.

NOW, WHO IS
MY TARGET
FOR
RETRIEVAL?

MY- My BoyFRIEND ZACH.
HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY
ALIENS...

WHERE
HAVE
they
TAKEN
HIM?

Well, that's sorta the
PROBLEM. I DON'T KNOW.

FORTUNATELY, I DO
KNOW SOMEONE
THAT DOES.

C'MON, WE GOTTA
GET TO THE
HARING
SECTOR...

the
ARTIST'S
COLONY?

WORD.

MEANWHILE,
OUT IN OUTER
SPACE...

So.... At last
we have the
INFAMOUS DJ
MINDTRIP !!

Fastest HANDS
IN THE GALAXY, ISN'T
THAT RIGHT, LAD??

WHAT THE HELL'S
THIS ALL ABOUT?!!
YOU'RE- YOU'RE HERE
TO **STOP** the
UNDERGROUND
REVOLUTION,
AREN'T
YOU??

OH, PUH-LEEZ!!!
SPARE ME the MELODRAMATIC
THEATRICKS, **BOY!!** Nobody
GIVES A SHIT ABOUT YOUR
POINTLESS REVOLUTION!

NO, what WE'VE GOT PLAN-
NED FOR YOU IS MUCH
MORE EPIC!!!

WELL, YOU SEE, ONLY YOU have
the HAND/EYE coordination
to BEAT the COMPUTER!!
ONLY YOU ARE FAST
ENOUGH...

WHY, At CRACKING the CODE that
WILL GIVE US the ULTIMATE
WEAPON TO **DESTROY THE**
GALAXY, OF COURSE!!!

WHAT,
THEN?

TO
BEAT THE COMPUTER
AT WHAT?!!

GOD, HAVEN'T YOU EVER READ
A COMIC BOOK ???

Jesvs....

the HARING SECTOR. A special CAMP set up by the GOVERNMENT ten years ago where all the ARTISTS, POETS, MUSICIANS, AND FREE-THINKERS were forced to relocate to...

HMMM... lessee here..

C29!!! YEAH, i think this is THE ONE !!

UNCLE JIM?

UNCLE JIM, ARE YOU HERE...??

NATALIE.

RUN DMC

I :koff: I KNEW you WOULD COME, GIRL. MY GOD, LOOK AT YOU... :koff: you're ALL GROWN UP...

UNCLE JIM!! THEY KIDNAPPED ZACH!!! ALIENS took HIM... AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY !!

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP ME FIND HIM ???

THE ALIENS :koff: the ALIENS that took ZACH ARE MOGLAPHYTES. They've TAKEN... :koff: TAKEN HIM TO PLANET LANTIS.

HOW - HOW DO YOU KNOW ?

HEH... I've been WAITING :koff: FOR this DAY FOR :koff: FOR TEN YEARS NOW, GIRL. BELIEVE ME, I KNOW.



Listen... listen to me CAREFULLY, NATALIE. You ~~3~~koFF3 haveta get MIND-TRIP back. He... he is the CHOSEN ONE. The one that will lead us into our next GOLDEN AGE.



And you... ROBOT... you must ~~3~~koFF3 help HER. YOU MUST MAKE SURE ~~3~~koFF3 not ONE HAIR ON her HEAD IS HARMED...



LATER THAT NIGHT, AT A
LOCAL MOTEL...

Ahhhhh...
JUST WHAT I NEED
TO SOOTHE MY
NERVES.

FEELING
BETTER,
MA'AM?

ASSASSIN
NEWS

WRIT
DAN
KILLE
ON TUE
FOR CRI

DUDE, CALL
ME
NATALIE.

outside the room...

WE'VE FOUND HER, SIR.
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ENLIST-
ED THE HELP OF A SCUD
SERIES 23...

NO MATTER, NUMBER 3.
DESTROY THEM BOTH!!!

YES,
MASTER.

So, 23, I WAS
JUST THINKIN',
WE'RE GONNA
NEED SOME
TRANSPORTATION
TO PLANET LANTIS
AND....

eh? WHAT IS IT??
WHAT'S
WRONG???

DETECTION SCANNERS
PICKING UP FIVE ARMED
MOGLAPHYTES RIGHT
OUTSIDE OUR ROOM!!

SHIT!!



HELLO
THERE
!!!





ONE MORE...

E'MON,
LET'S GO!!!

GIMMEE A
MINUTE to get
DRESSED
HERE...!!!

No time...

HEY!!!
WHAT the
HELL ARE
YOU DOIN'
DUDE??!!

BOOM!

0000F!

WOW!! How'd
you know their space
cruiser was just waitin'
outside??

Lucky
guess...

BEFORE REACHING PLANET LANTIS, NATALIE AND SCUD
SERIES 23 STOP AT A NEARBY PORT FOR WEAPONS AND
SUPPLIES...

NICE.

BIG
HELIUM
DOG

SWEET!!
WHATTA FRESH
LITTLE
OUTFIT!!

Yo, 23, CHECK IT OUT!!!

uh.... that's REAL
NICE NATALIE, BUT
ALL WE REALLY NEED
IS WEAPONS AND...

SCREW YOU, DUDE. I WANNA
LOOK GOOD FOR MY MAN...

PRETTY
DOPE,
HVVH?

OFF TO
PLANET
LANTIS!!

PLANet LANTis...

DESTROY THE UNIVERSE

All the
PREPARATIONS
HAVE BEEN
MADE,
SIR.

GOOD.

Ready to DESTROY
THE UNIVERSE,
BOY?

Atop the MOGLAPHYTES complex ...

You Ready
to do
this?

No time like
the PRESENT,
MY MAN...



NOT SO FAST,
YA UGLY BASTARDS!!

hey... with A DRY, COOL
wit like that, I could
be A COMIC BOOK
HEROINE!! hee, hee...

WHAT THE
HELL...?!!

NATALIE...??

KILL THEM!! KILL THEM
YOU IDIOTS!! WHAT'RE YOU
WAITING FOR??!!

uh... sir? they-
they've pretty
MUCH KILLED
ALL OUR
guys...

CRAP!!

DODOD!!





HEY YOU.

MAN, THAT DUDE'S HARD-CORE!



GRAB!

THROW!!



WELL, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE LAST ONE, FAT BOY...

:(KOFF: WHA... WHAT ARE... YOU WAITING FOR THEN, YOU... STUPID...



NATALIE, LET IT GO. HE'S DEAD ANYWAY...

YEA...

SAY... WHAT'S THAT TICKING NOISE??



OH... THAT WOULD BE ME.

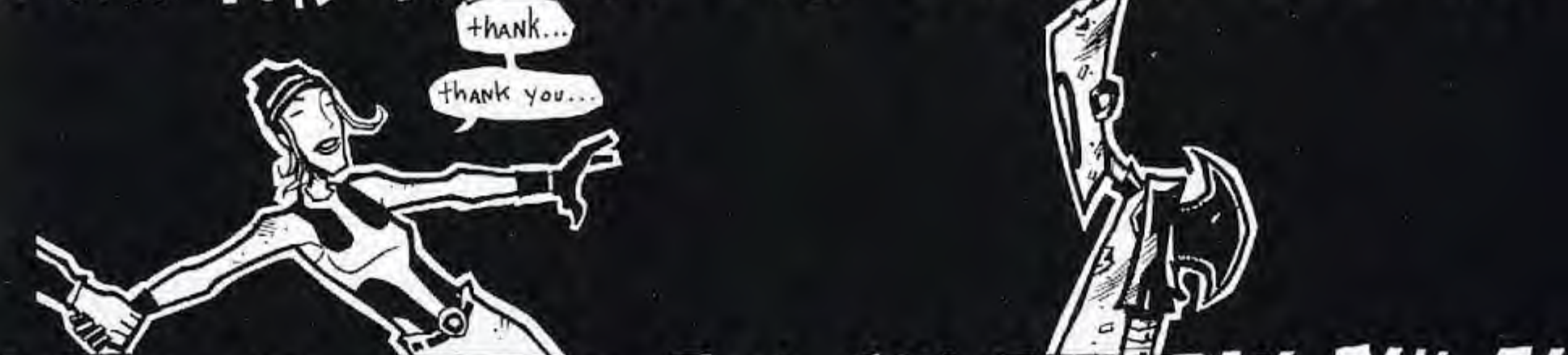
I'M GOING TO SELF-DESTRUCT NOW...



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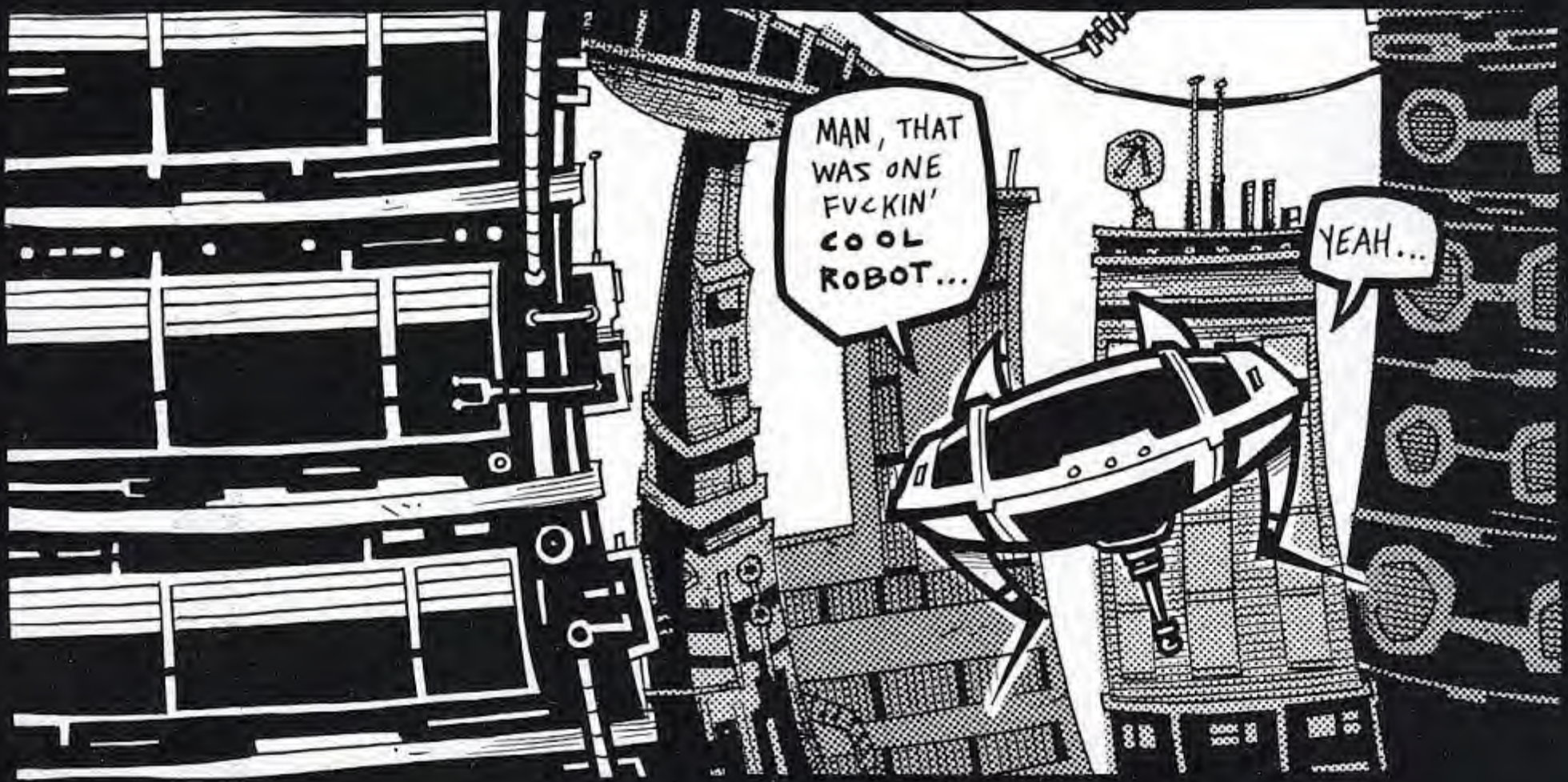
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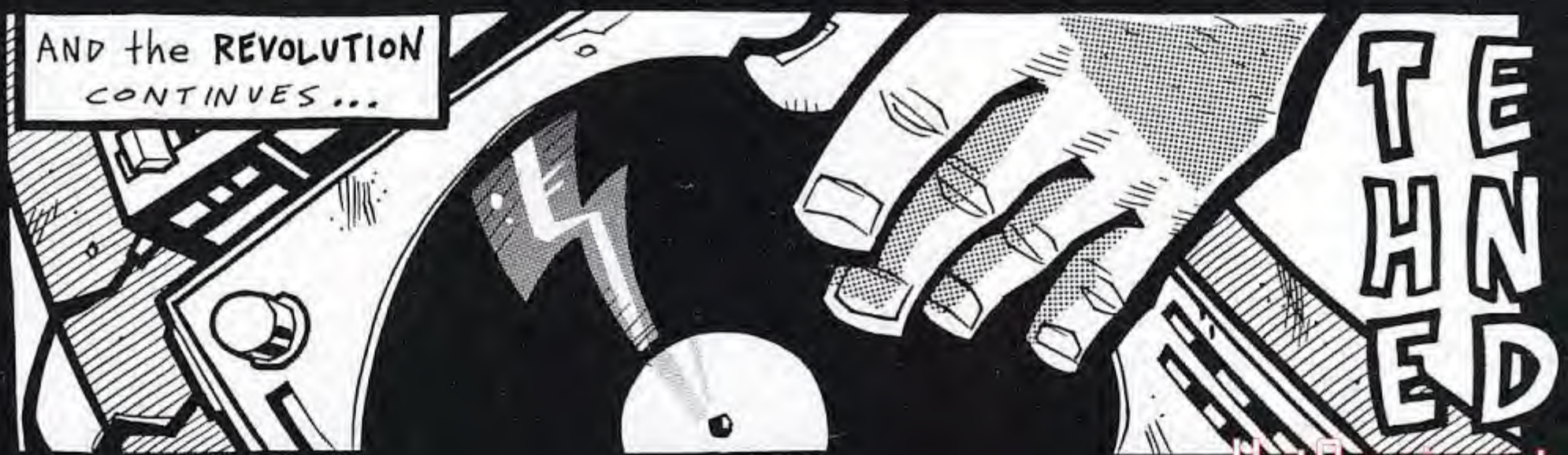
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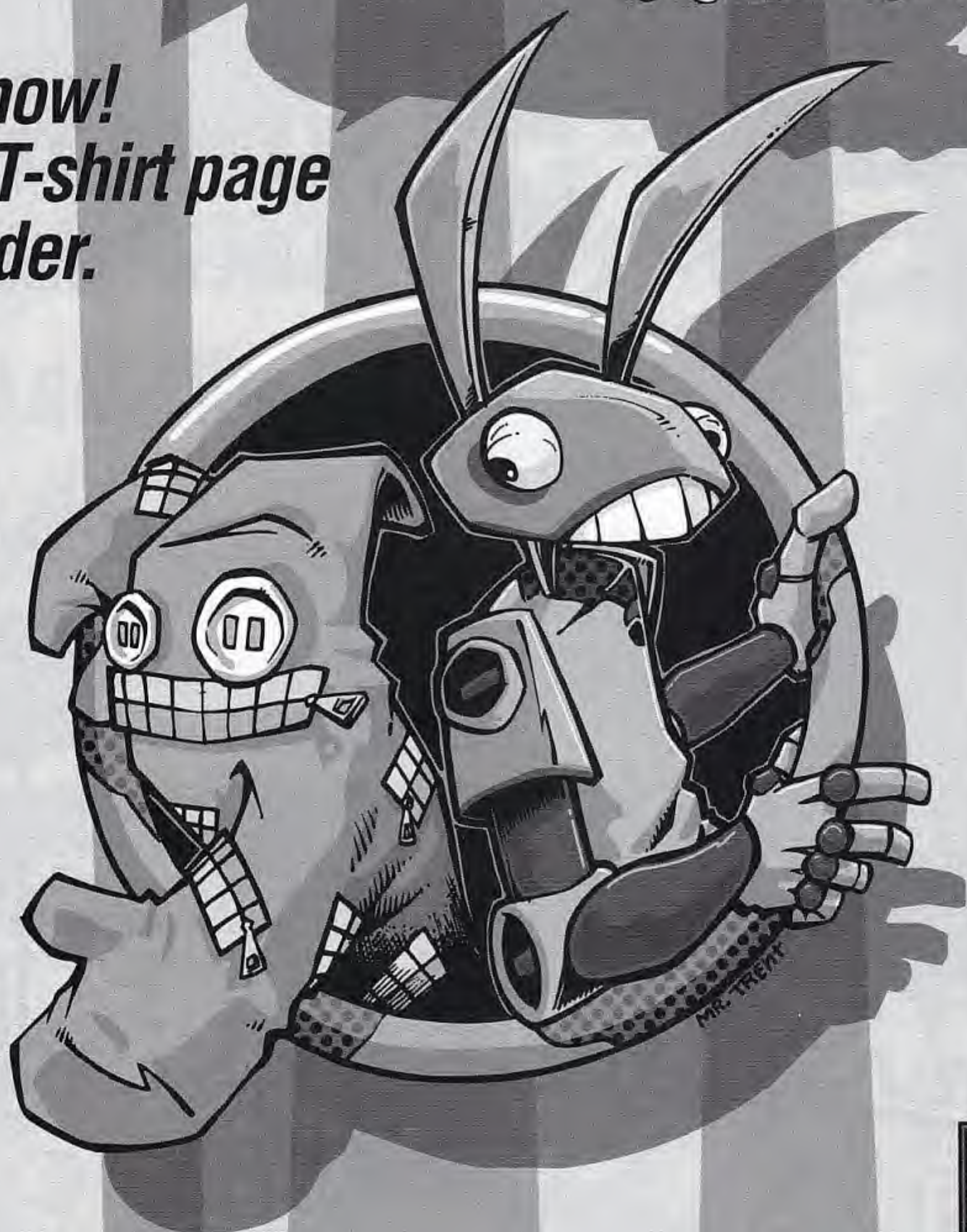


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